

AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS

BUILDING AND BUSINESS.

Reports on New Work Show a Letting Up Characteristic of This Time of Year.

Real estate transactions in the Connecticut towns reported by The Commercial Record for the past week are somewhat larger than in the like week of the previous year. The number of sales for the week was 856 against 772 last year, while mortgage loans totaled \$312,125 against \$283,611 for last year.

Five new incorporations are reported for the week with authorized capital stock of \$102,000. The like week in 1914 there were five companies formed with capital stock of \$252,000 and in 1913 nine companies with capital stock of \$155,000.

Petitions in bankruptcy last week numbered three, with assets of \$3,883 and liabilities of \$3,067, filed in the last week of August.

During the past week building permits were granted in the cities of New Haven, Hartford, Bridgeport, Waterbury and Stamford to the number of 132, for buildings costing \$703,058, a record considerably larger than in the like week of the previous year.

The largest increase for the week is again found in Bridgeport, where a large amount of factory construction is being completed.

Contracts awarded last week include factory work in New Haven, Bridgeport, Waterbury, and Stamford, a parish house and church addition in West Haven, residence work in New Haven, Hartford, Stamford, Bridgeport, and Greenwich, store and tenement block in Norwich, and a number of two-family houses in New Haven, Bridgeport and Hartford.

Not a very large amount of new work is reported as is usually the case in the last week of August. Plans are being prepared for a factory in Bristol; also for apartment buildings in New Haven and Hartford, gymnasium addition in New Haven, business block in Fairfield, garage in New Haven and frame clubhouse in Milford. A number of tenement houses are also contemplated.

Norwich had eight sales of real estate last week to one a year ago. The mortgage loans for the respective weeks were \$19,600 and \$2,600.

In New London there were ten realty sales last week to six a year ago. For the last week the loans were \$25,500, and nothing last year.

BUILDING OPERATIONS IN NEW ENGLAND.

Statistics of building and engineering operations in New England as compiled by The F. W. Dodge Company follow:

Contracts to Aug. 5, 1915, \$114,619,000
Contracts to Aug. 5, 1914, 117,306,000
Contracts to Aug. 5, 1913, 115,816,000
Contracts to Aug. 5, 1912, 131,536,000
Contracts to Aug. 5, 1911, 112,432,000
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Contracts to Aug. 5, 1908, 67,765,000
Contracts to Aug. 5, 1907, 90,892,000
Contracts to Aug. 5, 1906, 83,221,000
Contracts to Aug. 5, 1905, 73,536,000
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Contracts to Aug. 5, 1903, 74,137,000
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Contracts to Aug. 5, 1901, 79,130,000

Hartford.—The annual outing of Hartford lodge, No. 13, B. O. E. takes place today at the Shoreham, Morris Cove.

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POOR MILKERS.

Will Be Weeded Out By The Modern Dairyman.

To feed, care and milk several cows which are unprofitable producers mean that time, labor and money are spent on work which is not only unprofitable but also prevents the dairyman from obtaining a larger profit on his land. It is nearly time to begin thinking about putting stock on the farm for the winter and begin to feed them the crops which have been harvested under considerable difficulty in some cases. The dairyman is hoped that many will consider the elimination from their herds of those individuals which are not going to be profitable producers. To do this one should have had a word of her past experience. The way of telling accurately is by studying daily records of the past. Many, however, have not these records and claim that they know how much the individuals are giving. Those who are not keeping records of the milk given by each cow and disposing of those that have not come up to their expectations. It is recommended that the dairyman should keep a record of the milk given by each cow and dispose of those that have not come up to their expectations. It is recommended that the dairyman should keep a record of the milk given by each cow and dispose of those that have not come up to their expectations.

SELLING THE HENS.

Here Who Know Select The Non-Layers By Scientific Plan and Kill Them.

At this time of the year it is very important that poultry raisers should now which hens to sell to the butcher and which would be profitable producers for a second year. The trap nest is the only method of obtaining a correct record of a hen's performance, as the number of eggs she has laid and when she laid them will be shown. There are several methods by which high producing hens can be identified for all practical purposes are equally as satisfactory as the trap nest. One of the surest indications of high producing power is late molting. The earlier a hen molts the lower her early egg production. So that a poultryman who uses this method of selecting alone and selects all of his birds that start to molt before September 30 will not come far from keeping the very best producers. It is much easier to be able to find the poor producers.

FRUIT AND VEGETABLES.

Being Put Up For Table Use During Winter—Peaches Just Now.

"This is the season when every woman who has been fortunate as to be simply reared, who knows the joy of working with her hands, feels an overwhelming desire to get into the kitchen and 'put up' fruit and vegetables for the family table during the winter."

Never before has there been such a nation-wide campaign advocating greater use of fruit and vegetables throughout the year. The dietetic value of fruits is recognized and the economical housewife is storing her shelves with fruits of all varieties. In planning fruit she is planning for her medicine chest empty and her children's cheeks ruddy and her whole household in a healthy condition. Now

TOWN SCHOOLS MUCH IMPROVED

General Repairs, New Ceilings, Plumbing and Heating Apparatus—Taftville Blocks Being Hushed—Contract for East Side House—New Residence at Norwich Town

The contract for the Fowler two-apartment house on East Main street has been awarded to Valentine Reich who is the lowest bidder. The plumbing contract goes to Rogier & Stanley and heating to James J. Holland. The dollar and grad will now be completed by Casper Bailey, now being completed by Casper Bailey.

School Improvements. The school work by the town school committee is nearing completion, preparatory to the opening of school for labor day. Changes at East Great Plain consisted of cellar cementing and new steam heater and a new cellar entrance.

The changes at the Pearl street school include new maple floors in two rooms and total new plumbing. Changes at the Taftville school include new maple floors in the large room and one lower room, and new metal ceiling in the large room.

The changes at the Yantic school include new hot air furnace, new playground in basement for stormy weather.

At the Broadway school there is a new heating plant. The changes at the Taftville school have new metal ceilings and has been painted. Laurel Hill school has had new painting, and the Greenville schools have been repaired and new.

At the Occum school general repairs have been made and the same at the Taftville school. The Ben Hill school has received new painting and general repairs. This places the town schools in good shape for the present.

Architect C. H. Preston has had this work in charge. Block Raised and Boarded. The Graham block on Merchants' street, owned by the firm of H. B. Blackledge & Co. The timber has arrived and the building is now under construction. It is a three-story and four flats. The building is three stories in height. Architect C. H. Preston drew the plan.

Cladding in Thornton Block. The Thornton block on the corner of Merchants' and Hunter's avenue is being closed in preparatory to the interior work. This building is three stories high. Contractor George Allen is doing the work. Architect C. H. Preston has charge of this work.

New Store on Franklin Square. At the new store of the new firm of Ring and Sisk, druggists, the alterations are being completed.

MIDDLETOWN. The Joseph S. Annino Co. have been awarded the contract for the new building for a new house in Middlefield for Mr. Cahill. Henry Ehlers is the contractor. They also have the contract for the new house on Highland avenue for Otto Ehlers. They have completed the new house on the street and the new house on the street and the new house on the street.

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QUALITY IN BUTTER.

Much Responsibility Rests on the Producer—Many Factors Influence the Quality of Cream.

Conservative estimates place only about 10 per cent. of the butter produced today as fancy table butter, while the other 90 per cent. ranges from mediocre to very poor quality. The gradual tendency toward this condition has been noticed since the advent of the hand separator, but it is only in the past few years that the serious aspect has become evident. Before the hand separator came into use cream was usually taken from the whole milk to the creamery daily in a fresh condition. But since creamery patrons have been enabled to separate their cream at home they are inclined to hold it too long, so that it often reaches the creamery in a fermented and decomposed state. Close supervision and dairymen are considerably alarmed over present-day conditions and feel that all those interested in dairymen, whether as producers or consumers, should cooperate fully and unselfishly to remedy conditions that are causing poor quality.

The butter makers of today, as a whole, are much more capable of manufacturing first-class butter than were those of 10 years ago. Modern methods and machinery and the results of years of experience and investigation have made it possible to manufacture good butter in large quantities. However, it is impossible for the best of butter makers to produce good quality cream if the cream is not of good quality. Old, unclean cream not only ferments but often decomposes. And yet creamery butter makers are criticized because they have not been able to make old and unclean cream into butter that will pass as extra quality in the market.

Much of the responsibility for the poor quality of butter today rests on the producer of cream. He alone is responsible for the quality of cream that is furnished the butter maker. Strong competition among the creameries has led to the production of butter of inferior quality. The creamery patron is confronted with the fact that in the future he will be the loser if he continues to dispose of poor cream through the creamery. The butter markets the basis of creamery industry are becoming unsettled, because of the fact that so much poor quality cream is being produced. The dairy farmer need not be surprised if he is forced to receive a lower price, particularly for his low grade butter fat.

Behrfield & Schultz have been awarded the contract for a frame residence to be erected on South Main street, near the Glanton line, for Russell Tryon. The foundation is now being completed.

The new bungalow being erected on Henry street for Charles Hall is now about ready to lair.

Thomas G. Wright is finishing James Harrison's new house on Russell street, near the Glanton line, for Russell Tryon. The foundation is now being completed.

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WHAT THE BOY SCOUTS ARE DOING

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All pens taken together produced 328 eggs in the forty-third week. Tom Barrow's pen of English Leghorns won first honors for the period with 53 eggs to their credit. P. G. Platt's birds averaged 14.7 eggs a week. The second with a production of 52 during the week while four pens, namely: The Storrs Station's sour milk pen of White Wyandottes, also their sour milk pen of White Leghorns, Dr. N. W. Sanborn's Buff Wyandottes from Holden, Mass., and Hillview Poultry Farm's Rhode Island Reds from St. Albans, Vt., all tied for third place with 50 eggs each.

Rhode Island Red hen No. 395 in pen owned by S. G. McLean, South Glastonbury, Conn., performed a most extraordinary feat during the week. The

Gen Von Beseler. The official announcement from Berlin that the army of General von Beseler, released by the fall of Novogorodsk, has been dispatched to the north via the Baltic sea, has appeared opposite Friedrichstadt, on the Dyvina, between Riga and Dvinsk, aroused much interest in London.

records of the laying contest seem to indicate that on an average one may expect